

Public Law 531

CHAPTER 576

AN ACT

To authorize cooperative research in education.

July 26, 1954
[H. R. 9040]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) in order to enable the Office of Education more effectively to accomplish the purposes and to perform the duties for which it was originally established, the Commissioner of Education is authorized to enter into contracts or jointly financed cooperative arrangements with universities and colleges and State educational agencies for the conduct of research, surveys, and demonstrations in the field of education.

Educational re-
search.Cooperative ar-
rangements, etc.

(b) No contract or jointly financed cooperative arrangement shall be entered into under this section until the Commissioner of Education has obtained the advice and recommendations of educational research specialists who are competent to evaluate the proposals as to the soundness of their design, the possibilities of securing productive results, the adequacy of resources to conduct the proposed research, surveys, or demonstrations, and their relationship to other similar educational research already completed or in process.

Advice of spe-
cialists.

(c) The Commissioner of Education shall transmit to the Congress annually a report concerning the research, surveys, and demonstrations initiated under this Act, the recommendations made by research specialists pursuant to subsection (b), and any action taken with respect to such recommendations.

Report to Con-
gress.

SEC. 2. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated annually to the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, such sums as the Congress determines to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

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CHAPTER 577

AN ACT

To establish a National Advisory Committee on Education.

July 26, 1954
[H. R. 7434]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in order to secure for the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereinafter referred to in this Act as the "Secretary") the advice of a group of representative citizens on the initiation and conduct of studies of problems of national concern in the field of education and on appropriate action as a result thereof, there is hereby established in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare a National Advisory Committee on Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee").

National Advi-
sory Committee on
Education.

SEC. 2. The Committee shall be composed of nine members appointed without regard to civil-service laws by the Secretary from among individuals who are not otherwise in office under or in the employ of the Federal Government, a majority of whom shall be other than professional educators, one of whom shall be designated by the Secretary as Chairman. Each member shall hold office for a term

Members.

Commissioner of
Education.

Meetings.

Recommendations.

Consultants.

Report to Congress.

Per diem payments.

60 Stat. 808.

of three years, except that (1) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed, shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and (2) the terms of the members first taking office shall expire as follows: three shall expire with the close of the first calendar year which begins after the enactment of this Act, three shall expire with the close of the second such calendar year, and three shall expire with the close of the third such calendar year, as designated by the Secretary at the time of appointment. The Commissioner of Education shall be, ex officio, a nonvoting member of the Committee.

SEC. 3. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Secretary, but not less often than three times each calendar year.

SEC. 4. The Committee shall, from time to time, recommend to the Secretary the initiation of studies of national concern in the field of education. Consultants may be appointed without regard to civil-service laws to assist in the conduct of such studies. The Committee shall propose to the Secretary appropriate action indicated by such studies and shall also, from time to time, advise the Secretary on the progress being made in carrying out its recommendations. The Secretary shall transmit to the Congress annually a report concerning the studies initiated under this Act, the recommendations made by the Committee, and any action taken with respect to such recommendations.

SEC. 5. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services, but while traveling to or from or attending meetings of the Committee shall be paid travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by law (5 U. S. C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently.

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CHAPTER 578

AN ACT

July 27, 1954
[H. R. 7466]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to execute an amendatory repayment contract with the Pine River Irrigation District, Colorado, and for other purposes.

Pine River Irrigation District,
Colo.
Repayment contract.

43 USC 485f.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reimbursable construction cost of the Pine River reclamation project, Colorado, is hereby fixed at \$1,500,000, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to execute, on behalf of the United States, the amendatory repayment contract negotiated pursuant to section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1192) and approved at an election of the district held November 30, 1953, under which contract the unpaid balance of five-sixths of the reimbursable construction cost of the Pine River project (the remaining one-sixth being properly chargeable to the lands of the Pine River Indian (Southern Ute) project as set out in a memorandum of understanding between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs dated January 3, 1940) is repayable by the district in thirty fixed annual installments or, if the district elects to use a variable payment formula as set forth in said contract, in as many installments as may be required to return the portion of the aforesaid balance then remaining unpaid.

Approved July 27, 1954.